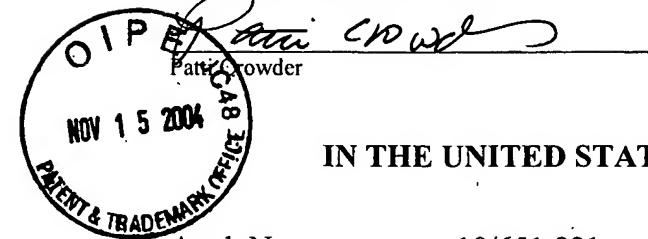


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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 11, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response to which ends after November 12, 2004, (the first business day following November 11, 2004), Applicants respectfully submit the following Response.

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